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The New York *Journal* records an amazing incident at a book sale at that city. The owner of the collection gave 5,000 dollars to two several public libraries to be spent at the sale. The natural result was that the libraries bid against one another, and many of the books were run up to nearly double their market price.

Telegraph Poles have been put to a new purpose. It appears that three Mississippi canoes have been used as the second anchor in the high Nile of 1882, which is an unusual thing, and one of the three has remained there ever since. The boats, which are of the expense of the boat fields of the inhabitants, were in a state of their indication have not yet contrived to get him out of the way, and have himself regularly in the evening against the telegraph poles which start the river at the pole, and have been in the way of the attention of a European sportsman, and the day of the versatile creature are probably numbered.

The *New York Journal* reports further tragedies from the *Nico* and *Monte Carlo*. In a recent issue it stated that a rich stranger had blown out his brains at the Hotel de Paris, after having lost all his fortune at play. On January 13th it recorded the case of a commercial clerk at *Nico*, who, from a similar cause, put an end to his life by shooting himself through the head. On the same day a man committed suicide behind the Hotel de Londres at Monte Carlo. In the night a successful gambler was assassinated by poisoned stabs in the garden of the Casino des Spiegues. He had won during the evening six or seven thousand francs at roulette, and when the doors of the Casino were about to be closed he took it into his head to take a solitary walk. "No one knows, and no one will know any more, for the authorities of Monte with their heads kept quiet."

THE EXHAUSTION OF TONIC. Says *Quintessence* to *North*, "I lecture on jans, and the factors will not be in power." Says *Standard* to *Will*, "I don't care a—n. For on nothing I'll talk to the house!"

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE. **TUESDAY, 11th March.** **ORIENT.** Sales of Patents of 1894, and of Old Patents at the same price. New Securities quoted at \$635.

**SAFETY CARGO.** For steamship *Admiral* on the 11th March:—For *Colon*—513 bales silk, 63 bales waste silk, 18 cases silk, 950 bales coffee, and 534 pkgs. sundries. For *London*—500 bales silk, 18 cases silk, 950 bales coffee, and 534 pkgs. sundries. For *London*—500 bales silk, 18 cases silk, 950 bales coffee, and 534 pkgs. sundries.

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**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.** 10th March, 1896. 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer. reduced to 32° F.	Thermometer. height.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Rain in 24 hours.
Amoy.	30.00	84.0	47	W	3	cl	—
Shanghai.	30.13	80.5	81	W	4	cl	—
Amoy.	30.10	80.3	63	W	4	cl	—
Swatow.	30.10	88.1	76	W	1	cl	—
Shanghai.	30.14	80.0	44	W	4	cl	—
Amoy.	30.27	—	—	W	2	cl	—
Swatow.	30.22	82.1	—	W	5	cl	—



